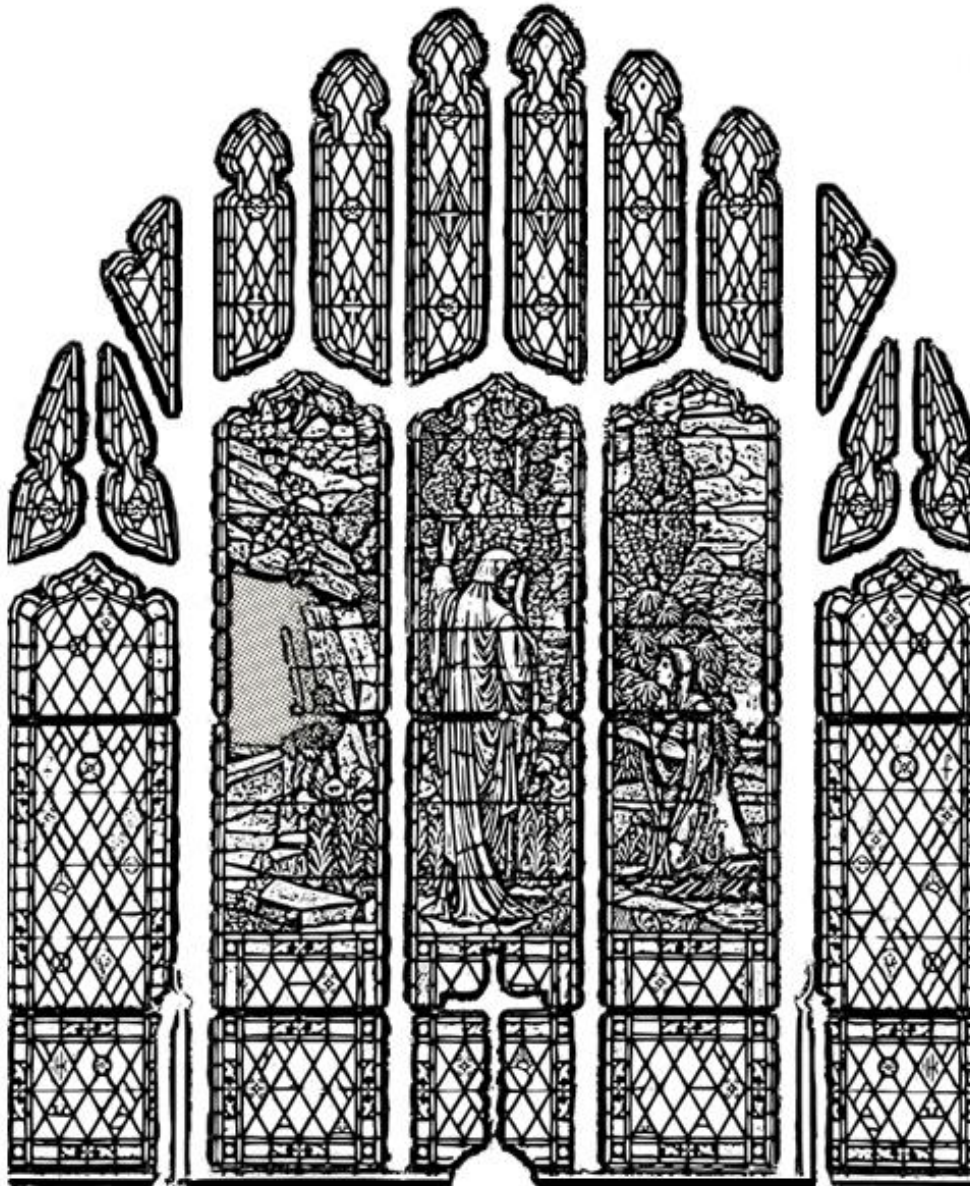


MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, June 28, 2026, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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*Silent Prayer

*Response

"God will take care of you" (v.4)

UMH 130

A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)

As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

The young disciples (school-age children) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise. Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service. Nursery is available for younger children; please see an usher for directions.

The First Lesson

A Reading from Genesis

GEN. 22: 1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

***The Sequence Hymn "Receive the Master in the Guest" (vv.1-3)**

Mt. 10:40-42
Tune: KINGSFOLD



1. Al - le - lu - ia! who wel-comes Christ re-ceive God as his own,
2. Who takes a pro-phet to their hearth as pro - phet of the Lord
3. And who so takes a righteous one, because his deeds are right
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, let us give a cup of wa - ter cold



and who re-ceive Christ wel-comes him who sits u - pon the throne.
shall sure - ly for his wel-come gain the prophet's own re - ward.
shall share the right - eous one's re - ward within the Fa - ther's sight.
to lit - tle ones, and sim - ply trust the sure re - ward you hold.



Re - ceive the Mas - ter in the guest who comes to share your board;



for those who welcome Christ in them shall not lose their reward.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Epistle to the Church in Rome

ROM. 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to

impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***The Sequence Hymn** **“Receive the Master in the Guest”** (v.4)

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The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

The Sermon

“The Long Walk”

Mr. Seitz

***The Sign of Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The people are now invited to share signs of peace with their fellow members of Christ's body.
Extended conversation would ideally and most appropriately be reserved until the end of the service.*

Announcements

At the Offertory

The Offertory Hymn (8:30 am)

“He leadeth me”

UMH 128

The Anthem (10:45 am)

The Gift of Love

trad., arr. H. Hopson

***The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

UMH 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving

This morning's communion setting is found at UMH 24

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And also with you.**

∞ Lift up your hearts.

℞ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

∞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words:

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest!**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words:

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen!

Giving of the Bread & Cup Hymn during Communion

"Come to the Table of Grace"

W&S 3168

Musical score for the hymn "Come to the Table of Grace" (W&S 3168). The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Come to the ta - ble of *grace." The score includes chord markings: F, C7, F, and F7/C. The melody features a long note on "grace" that spans across the end of the line.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

*Additional stanzas:
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 You have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your son our savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You
 with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Sending Hymn

"Give to the winds thy fears"

UMH 129

*The Dismissal & Postlude

℣. Let us bless the Lord.
 ℟. Thanks be to God.

Prayer Concerns

Friends and loved ones of **Clark Remington**, who recently passed from this life to life eternal.

Friends and loved ones of **David Barber**, son of Gloria Barber, who recently passed from this life to life eternal.

Gayle Radnich, who received a recent diagnosis of a health condition.

Gary Henry, undergoing cancer treatment.

Norma Buhrman, enduring serious illness.

For those serving their country or community as first responders or in the armed forces, especially:

SPC **Russell Dale** - CPT **Shaun Hay** - LTC **Azizi Wesmiller** - LTC **Matthew Wesmiller**

2LT **Keith Cable** - LTC **Zachary Allen Finch** - CPL **Wyatt Hoover**

We pray for victims of violence in our nation and around the world.

This week, we remember and pray for Christ's body throughout the world, especially remembering this week the church in **Kenya and Tanzania**. (*Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches*).

Leaders in Worship this Morning

MR. STECKER (8:30AM) AND STACEY ROSLECK (10:45AM), LECTORS

THE MLUMC SUMMER CHURCH BAND

THE CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST

MR. DAVID SEITZ, PREACHER AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

THE REV'D THOMAS Q. STRANDBURG, SENIOR PASTOR

The altar flowers this morning given by

Donna Chesleigh

to the Glory of God and in honor of

the 25th Anniversary of

Donna & Alan Chesleigh's Wedding.

To provide flowers for a future service of worship, please call the church office at 412-531-7131, or use the form linked through the QR code below.

